

North Eagle Lake, Champs Flat & Lower Pine Creek Allotments
Grazing Management Project
USDA Forest Service
Lassen National Forest
Eagle Lake Ranger District
Lassen County, California

Notice of Objection: North Eagle Lake, Champs Flat & Lower Pine Creek Allotments Grazing Management Project

A Final Environmental Assessment (FEA) and a draft Decision Notice/Finding of No Significant Impact (DN/FONSI) for the above project is available for review and opportunity to object. This pre-decisional objection period is intended to provide those interested in or affected by this action an opportunity to make their concerns known prior to a decision being made. The project is located approximately 15 miles northwest of Susanville in Lassen County, California. They include portions of Townships 31, 32, and 33 North; Ranges 8, 9, 10 and 11 East; Mount Diablo Meridian. Copies of the FEA and draft DN/FONSI are available at the ELRD office. The Responsible Official, Carol Thornton, District Ranger, ELRD, intends to select the proposed action, which would continue to authorize livestock grazing on these allotments under updated Allotment Management Plans (AMPs) that would implement updated grazing strategies, structural range improvements, watershed and aspen treatments. Additional information regarding these environmental documents and/or the pre-decisional administrative review process (objection) can be obtained from KC Pasero, Project Leader, Eagle Lake Ranger District, (530) 252-5854.

Opportunity to Object: The North Eagle Lake, Champs Flat & Lower Pine Creek Allotments Grazing Management Project is subject to the pre-decisional objection process pursuant to 36 CFR 218, Subparts A & B. It is not subject to the notice, comment, and appeal procedures found at 36 CFR 215. Only those individuals and organizations who previously submitted timely, specific written comments regarding a proposed project or activity during scoping or any other instance where the responsible official solicited written comments, have standing to file an objection (36 CFR 218.5(a)). Notices of objection must meet the specific content requirements of 36 CFR 218.8. Written objections, including attachments, must be filed (regular mail, fax, e-mail, hand-delivery, express delivery, or messenger service) with the appropriate Reviewing Officer within 45 days (36 CFR 218.26(a)) from the publication date of this notice in the Lassen County Times. Objections sent by mail or delivery service must be postmarked by the closing date of the filing period. Those wishing to object should not rely upon dates or timeframe information provided by any other source.

Objections must include: 1) Name, address and telephone; 2) Signature or other verification of authorship; 3) identify a single lead objector when applicable; 4) project name, Responsible Official name and title, and name of affected National Forest and/or Ranger District; 5) reasons for, and suggested remedies to resolve, your objections; and 6) description of the connection between your objections and your prior comments (36 CFR 218.6(c)).

Objections must be submitted to: Deb Bumpus, Reviewing Officer, Lassen National Forest, 2550 Riverside Drive, Susanville, CA 96130, (530) 257-2151. Objections may be submitted by FAX (530-252-6428) or by hand-delivery to the Forest Supervisor's Office, at the address shown above, during normal business hours (Monday – Friday 8:00 am to 4:30 pm). Electronic objections, in acceptable [plain text (.txt), rich text (.RTF) or Word (.doc)] formats, may be submitted to FS-objections-pacificsouthwest-lassen@usda.gov with Subject: North Eagle Lake, Champs Flat & Lower Pine Creek Allotments Grazing Management Project Objection. The Responsible Official may not issue a decision for this project until the Reviewing Officer has responded to all pending objections. The Reviewing Officer shall issue a written response to the objector(s) concerning their objection(s) within 45 days following the end of the objection-filing period (36 CFR 218.26(b)). When no objections are filed, the decision may occur on, but not before, the fifth business day following the end of the objection-filing period (36 CFR 218.12(c)(2)).